

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; 4 out of 5 fire deaths in the United States occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), home fires killed 2,735 people in the United States in 2016, and fire departments responded to 352,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the national fire death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, people who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and therefore more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina residents should identify places in their homes where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

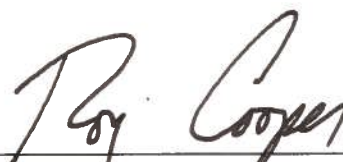
WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half and should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; when the smoke alarm sounds, every occupant of the home should respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; our residents are responsive to public education measures and can take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, *Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere*, effectively reminds us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 7 – 13, 2018, as **“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.